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***Response to Amendment***

1. The addition of the limitations "a plurality of outer elastic layers extending around pairs of opposed first and second half shells configured to hold pairs of first and second half shells against a respective energy storage cell, the plurality of outer elastic layers of a thermally insulating material" and "an outer shell covering the plurality of electrical energy storage cells and coupled to the plurality of elongate separate bars" to claim 1 changes the scope of the claims. Therefore, the proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further search and/or consideration.

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